GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:572
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any programme to boost tourism involving the places of `cultural revolution` in the country;

(b) if so, the names of monuments identified for sprucing particularly in Bihar, location-wise;

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose for the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) the time by which the renovation work of these monuments is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 572 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.05. REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM.

(a) : The Department of Tourism, Government of India grants financial assistance every year to the State Governments/UT Administrations for the projects relating to development and promotion of tourism identified in consultation with them. During the year 2001-02, 180 tourism projects amounting to Rs.4896.39 lakhs have been sanctioned and an amount of Rs.1646.70 lakhs has already been released for all the States including the State of Bihar.

(b) to (d) : During the 9th Five Year Plan, Department of Tourism has sanctioned 44 projects amounting to Rs.912.68 lakhs for the State of Bihar. An amount of Rs.356.29 lakhs has already been released for implementation of these projects. Ministry of Tourism is also in the process of developing Bodhgaya, Rajgir, Nalanda into an integrated Buddhist circuit. The following projects have accordingly been taken up on priority basis:

1) Improvement and strengthening of NH 82 and 83 from Bihar Sharif to Gaya, Bodhgaya and Rajgir. An amount of Rs.21 crores has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
2) Preparation of a Master Plan for Bodhgaya - Rs.15 lakh.
3) Renovation of the Bodhgaya Temple
4) Excavation work near Sujata Kutir
5) Upgradation of Archaeological Survey of India`s Museum at Bodhgaya
6) Improvement of the following Jain Temples and monuments

(a) Jaina Temple Vaibhar Hill,Rajgiri,Distt.Nalanda Estimated cost Rs.6.00 lakhs.

(b) Vasokund, Vaishali Amount sanctioned Rs.452 lakhs

(c) Pawapuri Amount sanctioned Rs.241 lakhs

The renovation of archeological monuments is an ongoing process.